COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday, the *28th of November 1934.* / *13th of Vrischigam 1110.*

The House met at 11-30 A. M. in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, with M. R. Ry., P. Krishna Menon Avl., in the chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, K. G. Nayar, P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri, S. S. Koder, M. Krishna Menon, A. I. Mani, K. T. Mathew, C. A. Ouseph and Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Sea-erosion in Cranganur.

61. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question 63, dated 1st August 1933, regarding remedies for destruction of agricultural land by sea-erosion in Cranganur will the Government kindly say whether any request or reminder was made to the Harbour Engineer-in-Chief before or after answering the said question; and if not made, the reasons for the same; and if made, the result?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The opinion of the Harbour Engineer-in-Chief was received on 18th April 1934. He is of opinion that no definite permanent remedy could be adopted effectively to check the erosions on the basis of the information so far available. To get at further particulars in the matter of erosion and accretion it will be necessary to take sea soundings over a large area for a number of years involving considerable expenditure.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If the Government think that it is a useful project will the financial aspect alone deter them from moving in that line? Is it not a useful project?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—To prevent erosion is a useful project.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I hope the Government will consider this question.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

62. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly supply the information for which notice was required in

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answering Question 173, dated 17th December 1931, regarding sea-erosion in Cranganur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Diwan told the deputation that necessary steps would be taken to try the device of floating timbers to check sea-erosion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, whether they intend to keep this promise mentioned here?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Whenever the Government give a promise they try to keep it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—That necessary steps would be taken to try the device of floating timber, I think, the Hon'ble Member has already given a kind promise. I am asking whether this particular method of preventing erosion will be looked into and whether this promise will be kept up.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. The remedy suggested will be considered.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Was this remedy ever tried anywhere in Cochin?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was not tried anywhere in India.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Anywhere outside?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was tried in some English coasts.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government seriously take up the question and try it in Cochin?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Was it not the practice here to float cocoanut stems?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I don't remember.

Poor Houses—opening of.

63. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question 64, dated 1st August 1933, regarding the opening of Poor House, will the Government kindly give a full account of the number of inmates in the House and the provisions made there for their benefit and state by what time they hope to open Poor Houses in all our other important towns and cities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There have been 75 admissions to the Poor House since its opening. Of these, 52 have been discharged and 19 died. On the last day of 1109 there were 4 inmates. The inmates are given *kanji* in the morning and meals at noon and in the evening. Invalids among them

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